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It is the position of the Applicants that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the foregoing more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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	12	Two sheets of prior art drawings filed with U.S. Design Patent Application No. 29/176,923 on February 28, 2003

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